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SUBJECT STAFFING OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIPS

FOR AHERNE ONLY

1. THE STORM OVER THE DEAUVILLE ARRANGEMENTS IS SUBSIDING, AND I GOT HELMS TO EXPLAIN HIS BEEF TO ME-- AND NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OUT OF IT WITH THE SECRETARY. IT IS NOT A MAJOR PROBLEM AND CAN BE FIXED UP AFTER WE RETURN.
 2. JUST FOR THE RECORD, WHEN IT CAME TO TRIMING THE FAT TO REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE DEAUVILLE STOP, USSS PREDICTABLY REFUSED TO TAKE ANY CUTS. SY, ON THE OTHER HAND, CAME THROUGH VERY NICELY, DROPPING FROM THEIR CONTINGENT OF 14 (TO COVER BOTH NANCY AND DAVID) DOWN TO 6. THIS WILL MEAN THE AGENTS CONCERNED WILL WORK A PRETTY STIFF SCHEDULE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS, AND SOME OF THE TROOPS ARE CHEEZED OF A BILL SITTMANN--WHO MADE A SPOT DECISION TO MAKE THIS SACRIFICE. IT MIGHT HELP HEAD OFF SOME HEARTBURN IF YOU OR LARRY WOULD POINT OUT TO VIC DIKEOS HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE SITTMANN'S ATTITUDE, AND HOW HELPFUL IT WAS FOR HIM TO GIVE US A QUICK DECISION, WITHOUT BEATING AROUND THE BUSH
 3. CHEERS
- KISSINGER

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